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LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF POLAND ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND ON 28 MAY 1998

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached text of a statement issued by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland on 28 May 1998.

I would be grateful if the necessary arrangements could be made for its distribution as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) Krzysztof Jakubowski
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland on 28 May, 1998 concerning the underground nuclear tests conducted by Pakistan

"Poland has taken note with grave concern of the underground nuclear tests conducted by Pakistan. We strongly deplore the aggravating situation in the South Asian region which can have extremely serious consequences for international security. Poland resolutely opposes the on-going escalation of the nuclear arms race with all its incalculable effects on that security.

We are strongly convinced that the resolution of all regional tensions and conflicts should be sought through dialogue as well as bilateral and plurilateral negotiations, with due regard for international security and the legitimate right of the international community to co-exist in peace.

Addressing an appeal to the two States in South Asia and bearing in mind the statement of the President of the UN Security Council, Poland calls on Pakistan and India to forswear further tests and to accede to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty without delay."